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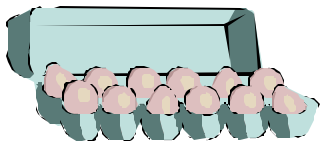
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The majority of prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance when compared to pricing a week ago. The market tone was generally steady at current levels. Demand ranged light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate and demand for additional eggs was light to fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Light type fowl were adequate to occasionally short of current processing needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums and unchanged for the larger sizes, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were short to adequate for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was fair to good. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate for trading needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the fair trading and demand. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production and were not seeking additional product. Floor stocks were adequate to at times fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and ranged from light to occasionally good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Larger sizes were lower in Atlanta and only slightly higher in Florida compared to previous week prices. The balance was unchanged. The market tone was mixed but generally steady at current levels. Demand ranged fair to good, and was best into retail channels. Supplies continued adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were also adequate for the light to occasionally moderate demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for processing needs.

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region were 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The market tone was at least steady at the lower prices. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	97-99	62-64
New York	76-78	73-76	52-55
Philadelphia	74-77.5	72-75.5	51-52
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	66-67	64.5-66	43-44
Jackson (1)	75-76	73-74	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	49-63
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	44-49
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67.5	60-66	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	44-51
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	80-85	78-80	57-59
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	101	92	76
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large and unchanged on medium and small but the market tone had turned around and was at least steady. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings light with spot offerings from the Midwest held for sharply higher prices. Small invoice price 56. No new ads noted in Northern California.  
PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	119		
EXTRA LARGE	101		
LARGE	92		
MEDIUM	76		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	187-229
MEDIUM	159-199	MEDIUM	149-183

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 01, 2000 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 25, 2000 were 271,854 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	236,668	35,186	271,854

% change from the prior week.....	-6	-6	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Trading and demand only fair for the adequate offers. Most breakers satisfied with their own production and regular commitments and not seeking additional nest run product. Floor stocks adequate to occasionally fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	40-45	43-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	28-31	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales were slow with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.25	5-6	5.84

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged but slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for current needs. Processing schedules were about normal. The market tone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.25-9.75	2.25-6	4.97

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT -AM Aug 29,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	15.1	6.7	11.5	7.7	52.1
	Change	3.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	-0.4	15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.5	51.9	12.0	27.8	20.1	132.3
	Change	2.8	11.3	4.0	1.7	-1.1	16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.8	91.5	53.1	85.2	84.7	351.3
	Change	7.5	11.2	6.0	9.3	-0.3	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	34.1	13.2	24.1	23.1	104.1
	Change	-1.1	0.7	2.8	-4.3	0.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	5.9	3.9	8.4	4.5	27.4
	Change	2.0	-1.3	0.6	1.4	0.1	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	18.1	7.3	13.6	4.9	49.3
	Change	-0.7	1.7	-2.3	2.8	-1.4	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	46.1	16.6	30.4	34.8	150.9
	Change	-0.9	1.2	-5.3	0.2	-1.1	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	111.1	262.7	112.8	201.0	179.8	867.4
Percent	Change	14%	10%	7%	7%	-2%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	867.4	7%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	380.3	-8%	39
Total Shell Egg	1247.7	2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of **172** cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 14, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	132	132	122	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 25, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
17.75							17.25							35.00						
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	—	—	50.50	52.00	—	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00					
GNR W 2	37.00	—	—	40.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	52.00	56.00	2.00					
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.25	GL W LG	—	55.00	—	—	51.00	55.00	5.00					
GL W LG	—	—	52.00	54.00	48.60	—	5.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50					
GL W MD	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	2.00	GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	—	26.00	1.00					
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00					
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	43.50	45.00	1.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	37.00	—	—	41.00	2.00													
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	21.00	—	—	.25													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/21/00-08/25/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
91.25								49.50								140.75							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	52.00	51.80	52.25	54.20	—	—	18.00	GNR W 1	—	51.33	—	—	—	—	—	5.00							
GNR W 2	37.00	—	44.00	42.00	—	—	6.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GNR W 3	43.00	—	29.00	38.50	—	—	2.50	GNR W 3	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	55.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	44.60	50.00	—	—	49.75	53.24	10.50								
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	57.25	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	41.43	55.00	—	50.00	49.76	51.14	18.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	27.78	—	29.00	—	31.50	34.75	7.50								
GL W XL	53.00	56.00	—	54.43	51.50	—	21.25	GL W SM	20.00	22.00	—	—	—	26.00	3.00								
GL W LG	—	51.00	54.13	56.00	43.73	—	19.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	25.50	31.00	29.38	32.75	28.50	28.50	10.75	NRBS - 42	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	18.81	20.69	—	—	5.25																
NRBS - 50	—	—	35.50	37.00	41.30	43.33	7.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	37.00	—	—	42.33	7.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	36.80	1.25																
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	—	—	—	30.00	2.75																
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	21.00	—	—	4.25																

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/13/00 - 08/19/00**

Origin	AR	CO	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	1,424	0	0	0	1,946	1,743	5,113
C. CA	0	0	850	0	0	0	0	0	850
S. CA	900	1,638	9,249	2,280	781	1,183	0	1,724	17,755
TOTAL STATE	900	1,638	11,523	2,280	781	1,183	1,946	3,467	23,718

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	82-85	78-81	43-46	15-18

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
68-71	59-65	57-62	38-43	22-26

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-44	24-26	10-12

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
81.92	84.47	58.61	41.54

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/21/00	8/14/00	8/24/99
PACIFIC COAST	657	692	365
LOS ANGELES	607	624	253

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR AUGUST 22, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	146.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 8/13/00-8/19/00  
30-dozen cases 4,722

Receipts from the mainland: 8/6/00-8/12/00  
30-dozen cases 3,870

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